



**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
ART UNIT 1654**

**PATENT**  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Tirrell and Tang  
Serial No.: 09/620,691  
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Title: METHOD FOR STABILIZATION OF PROTEINS USING NON-NATURAL AMINO ACIDS

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Examiner A. Gupta  
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 25, 2003, which the Examiner has made final, entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Applicants and Applicants' representative gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's careful attention to the application and the helpful comments made in the telephone interview held February 25, 2004.

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8**

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail on this date, **March 25, 2004**, in an envelope addressed to: MAIL STOP AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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**March 25, 2004**  
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